

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE GALVESTON BAY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:00PM – 12:00PM Via Microsoft Teams

Subcommittee Chair: Cindy Wilems, Education Director, Galveston Bay Foundation

Subcommittee Vice Chair: Vacant

GBEP Representative: Cynthia Clevenger

Attendees: T'Noya Thompson, NAAEE; Kendall Guidroz H-GAC; Cindy Wilems, Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF); Charlotte Cisneros, GBF; Kendall Guidroz, H-GAC; Joanie Steinhaus, Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN); Alicia Mein-Johnson, Citizen's Environmental Coalition CEC; Marsha Towns, Student Conservation Association; Amanda Hackney, Black Cat GIS; Sasha Francis, GBF; Alexis Baldera, Audubon Texas; Erin Kinney, Houston Advanced Research Center; Kacy Ray, American Bird Conservancy (ABC); Kelly Martin, ABC; Kristin Vale, ABC; Della Barbato, Native Prairies Association of Texas; Rose Esteves, City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department; Kimber De Salvo Anderson TIRN; Lisa Rickards, EPA; Amanda Brown, Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF); Lindsey Lippert, GBEP; Patricia Thompson, GBEP; Kristen McGovern, GBEP; Lisa Marshall; GBEP; Christian Rines, GBEP; Cynthia Clevenger, GBEP

Presentations

Members were updated on the Estuary Resilience Assessment Report, by Erin Kinney with HARC. This is a companion document to the Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition that assesses coastal resilience criteria against the goals, objectives, and actions in the plan.

Patricia Thompson, GBEP Technical and Quality Program Coordinator, discussed developing an EPA required Quality Assurance Project Plan. As PPE projects are starting to collect more data, members were reminded of the EPA/TCEQ quality assurance requirements and were directed toward guidance documents and resources.

Cindy Wilems, the new PPE Chair, gave a presentation with examples of program evaluations with local project examples, and the group discussed how to incorporate evaluation into GBEP funded projects for PPE in the future.

Fiscal Year 2023 Priority Planning

After discussion, members decided to prioritize the following for FY23

- Programs building capacity to target and partner with underrepresented communities that encourage diversity, equity, and addresses language barriers.
- Programs that address careers in the environmental field targeting high school-aged youth, young adults in college, and young professionals.